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NOTE: Following information was supplied by a well-placed source and is considered reliable.

1. The director of ADN is HANSEN. A clever man, he speaks Russian, English and French. ~~He speaks Russian in Russia.~~ Lives at Berlin/Niederschönhausen (Russian Sector).
2. Directly under HANSEN comes his deputy, KAHANE. ~~He makes a cosmopolitan impression but is a bitter opponent of the Western Allies.~~ *Kahane* claims to have belonged to the International Brigade in Spain, but also admits having taken no part in any actual fighting there. Lives in the same house as HANSEN.
3. Another close assistant of HANSEN is Joachim SCHNEIDER, who is also head of the Berlin Section of ADN. SCHNEIDER is a discreet, clever young man. ~~He served in the penal unit, Division 999, during the war.~~ *He is* a Communist, ~~belongs to the SED.~~ Lives in Berlin-Zehlendorf (US Sector).
4. HANSEN's Foreign Section chief is SCHNEIDER. ~~He is~~ a quiet, unassuming man. ~~He was formerly with the SNB.~~ Lives in Berlin-Weissensee (Russian Sector).
5. The Germany Desk is headed by SEIBERT. He is a very reserved man of rather limited intellectual ability. ~~He was formerly with the SNB.~~ ~~He seems to adhere to SED and pro-Russian circles for egoistic reasons.~~ Lives in Berlin/Niederschönhausen (Russian Sector).
6. On the Foreign Section staff are the following people:
 - a. BÄRKE. Liaison man to the Verband der Deutschen Presse. His reputation in the ADN is growing.
 - b. Edgar TROTSKY. A very young man. ~~Industrious and~~ a good, unassuming editor. ~~He is the least pro-SED.~~ Lives in Berlin-Zehlendorf (US Sector).
 - c. BÄRKE. Limited ability. Holds a subordinate position.
7. The Germany Desk includes the following men:
 - a. BREITZ. Formerly director of the Vera-Verlagsgesellschaft. (For coordination of the German press). A very good editor; uses his position to advantage. Professional intriguer. Lives in Berlin/Wilmersdorf (English Sector).
 - b. Heinz GRÜNER. Conscientious, very reserved. Rather awkward, also in his work, but very well informed. Probably not quite sincere and honest. ~~He is obviously, seems to work with the French.~~
 - c. GRÜNER. Night editor. Very reliable. Very bourgeois in appearance. Shows no political views. Worked formerly with the DNB. Lives in Berlin/Tempelhof (US Sector).

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with the d. HANZEL. New at ADN. Like GARDNER. He was also formerly DNB.

~~W. HANZEL.~~

8. The Berlin Desk includes the following:

a. DESZINSKY. Sly. Bad in his work. Strong Communist. *He lives in Berlin/Spandau (British Sector).*

b. HARTMAN. Industrious worker.

c. STEIN. Formerly with DENA, *it is rumored that he will soon transfer to Rintar.* ~~probably seen going to trans~~

d. KREBSBERG.

9. The "Cultural" Desk is headed by Dr. ZSCHWARTZSCHY, a Czech, *(see attached report)*

His assistant is Dr. Friedrich GERTZKE, who lives at Berlin/Lichterfelde, Paulinenstrasse 3 (US Sector), was a Nazi Party member. ~~see attached report~~

10. The newly established Russian Desk ~~(see attached report)~~ is headed by HEBER. *see attached report*

11. The Economics Section is ~~headed~~ *staffed* by the following:

a. LEHMAN, the editor, *see attached report*

b. ALY.

12. Reinhold SCHULTZ is a reporter with ADN, but his desk has not yet been identified. SCHULTZ, a former enthusiastic Gefolgschaftsfuehrer of the Zehlendorf Hitler Youth, returned from Bremen late in 1946. Twenty-four years old, and now pro-SED, he came to ADN ~~through~~ *under* SED auspices. He lives in Berlin/Dahlem, Lansstrasse 5 (US Sector).

13. Information on ADN correspondents in Germany, *who are stationed outside* Berlin, is still incomplete.

a. The ~~setting up~~ *establishing* of a correspondent network for the British Zone has not gone beyond the discussion stage. *However, reports have been received from Hamburg. These reports, signed HARTUNG, come via the ADN Weimar Desk.*

14. In the Russian Zone, the following correspondents are known:

a. ~~ACHILLE~~ *ACHILLE*, in Weimar.

b. ~~KRETSCHMAR~~ *KRETSCHMAR*, *transferring* from DENA to ADN. *He is supposed to go to Schwerin, but still lives in Berlin/Zehlendorf, Schrockstrasse 37 (US Sector).* *at present*

15. In the American Zone, the Munich correspondent is EICHENBERG *(see attached report)*

The three Nuernberg correspondents are SEIBTKE, BLUMSTADT, and Frau DOPPEL. Since the Nuernberg trials are no longer of ~~such~~ *major* interest as formerly, these correspondents are to be sent to other areas in the Zone. However, their ~~next assignments~~ *next assignments* have not yet been announced.

MGB-1271 (BSC-644) of 19 December 1946, paragraph 2, evaluates the importance of ADN as a Russian intelligence cover. MGB-2221 (BSC-676) of 5 February 1947 gives details of the Russian Section of ADN.

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16. *see attached*

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